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Re: People v. Martin Tankleff  
Indictment No. 1290-88

Dear Mr. Jablonski:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my request that you obtain as quickly as possible all forensics reports pertaining to the above referenced matter. It is our firm belief that the results of the forensics analysis will greatly assist us to establish that Mr. Tankleff is not guilty of the charges.

I thank you very much for your cooperation in expediting the forwarding of the reports.

Very truly yours,

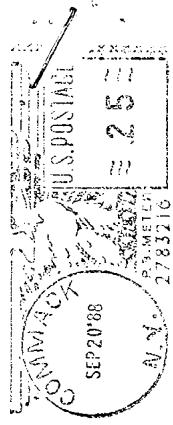
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